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Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—" With regard to clauses (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) of my question the answer of the Government is 'The Government do not think it is in the public interests to publish details of any precautionary measures that were taken.' May I know how the public interests will suffer if the details are given ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " That is a matter of opinion."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With regard to the same answer may I know what were the dangers against which these precautionary measures were taken ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I refuse to say anything on the matter."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether any additional remuneration was given to the village officers for doing this additional work ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I have nothing further to add."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether village servants were entertained for this purpose ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I have nothing further to add."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know if the Government are aware that Sir John Simon deprecated all these police arrangements ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I am not aware of it."

Alleged assault of Mr. Jamathagni Nayakar by the police.

* 2032 Q.—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on the 2nd January 1929 a constable of the C.I.D. of Arcot who was shadowing the Congress worker Mr. Jamathagni Nayakar assaulted him in the presence of about 30 people and insisted on his accompanying him to the police station ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to enquire into the matter ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Alleged criminal proceedings against Mr. Jamathagni Nayakar and others.

* 2033 Q.—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) whether proceedings have been taken before the District Magistrate at Arkonam under section 108, Criminal Procedure Code, against Messrs. K. R. Jamathagni Nayakar, Akkor Anantha Chariar, G. M. Swaminatha Mudaliyar and Walaja Sundara Varadan, and

(ii) whether they have been sentenced to one year's simple imprisonment on failure to furnish security in January 1929 ;

(*b*) whether the proceedings under the same section are now pending against Mr. Srinivasa Bharathi;

(*c*) whether the Government were consulted in the matter before the proceedings were started; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to take any action in the matter and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) As they failed to give security they were committed to prison under section 123 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No. The Government see no reason to interfere.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Co-operative Societies

Recruitment of Agricultural graduates to Co-operative department.

2034 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government felt the necessity of recruiting Agricultural graduates to the staff of the Co-operative department and advertised for Agricultural graduates on two occasions for the post of Assistant Registrars;

(*b*) whether the Government have so far appointed any Agricultural graduate in the Co-operative department, and if not, why not; and

(*c*) whether, in view of the recommendations of the Royal Commission and the Townsend Committee, the Government intend recruiting any Agricultural graduate as Deputy Registrar?

A.—(*a*) The Government have laid down that Assistant Registrars of Co-operative societies will generally be recruited from graduates who have specialized in Economics or Agriculture. In 1925, the Staff Selection Board, which was asked to select sixteen candidates for eight posts of Assistant Registrars, invited applications from graduates whose special subjects were Economics or Agriculture. The other occasion was in 1928 when the Registrar advertised for the post of Assistant Registrars, but the Government are not aware of the exact terms of the advertisement.

(*b*) One was appointed as Assistant Registrar, but he subsequently declined to accept the appointment.

(*c*) The Government have no such proposal under consideration at present, but due weight will be given to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and the Townsend Committee when an occasion arises.